

Patents

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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**Douglas Bryan Cole, et al.** )  
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Serial No.: **NOT YET ASSIGNED** )  
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Filed: **January 28, 2002** )  
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For: **ION-SENSITIVE, WATER-DISPERSIBLE** )  
**POLYMERS, A METHOD OF MAKING** )  
**SAME AND ITEMS USING SAME** )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
Sir:

Prior to the first Office Action in the above-referenced application, applicants respectfully request amendment of the claims as follows:

**In the Claims**

Please cancel Claims 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 21, 22 without prejudice to applicants' rights to file continuation applications directed to the subject matter thereof.

Please rewrite Claims 1, 13 and 19 as follows:

1. (Amended) A wetting composition for use in conjunction with a non-polyvinyl alcohol-containing polymer having water solubility properties that are ionically triggerable, said wetting composition comprising:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, DC, 20231, on January 28, 2002.

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